

Dear Friend---

A few words to tell you where we're at on the legislation.

First: We have received only three personal histories. That means that we are telling Congress that approximately 65 former CIA spouses desperately need Congressional assistance--to the tune of a lifetime annuity. But of that 65, only 3 have time to take an hour to write out the reasons why.

We can go forward with the histories we have, but our case is weak. If you want an annuity, and a lifetime of \$600 payments is the option, then please get us something on paper in the next week to 10 days.

Perhaps the words "personal history" need to be explained. I like to think of it as a letter I would have written to my mother, telling her the things that I did overseas to help my country, the things that I did I was proud of. As CIA spouses we had unusual opportunities. And even if the chores themselves were not unusual, their circumstances were.

Some of us are finding it an emotional trial to think about the old days. But getting the thoughts out on paper can be therapeutic. And once the job is done, the reward can be great.

Second: The timing of the legislation is this. The hearing will be on 12 September. We believe it will be a closed hearing--outsiders not invited--but if it is open--the public invited--we will get the information to you for those of you who would like to come!

Meanwhile, if you would like to write letters to the committee--Select Committee on Intelligence for the House, here is the address.

Congressmen Romano L. Mazzoli and
G. William Whitehurst
House Select Committee on Intelligence
H-405, US Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

You can send your histories directly to the above address. If you want them to go through a clearance process, send them to me. Return address below.

Please don't worry about style or getting them typed. We can do that here. But we do need your input. And we do need it now.

Sincerely,

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